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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMEDIATION OF STATE-OWNED AND
FORMERLY STATE-OWNED BROWNFIELDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 24 of public act 11-1 of the October special session
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) The Department of Economic and Community Development, in
5 consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental
6 Protection, shall identify, market and remediate five geographically
7 diverse state-owned brownfields from the priority [brownfield] list
8 established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Selection of
9 brownfields shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection
10 (c) of this section.

11 (b) On or before January 1, [2012] 2016, the Department of Economic
12 and Community Development shall develop a priority list of [eligible]
13 state-owned and formerly state-owned brownfields to be marketed
14 and remediated based on criteria to include, but not be limited to,

15 [state-owned] brownfields that (1) have economic development
16 viability, (2) [have a predetermined end use, (3)] are located in a
17 municipality with an unemployment rate that exceeds the state's
18 average unemployment rate, [(4)] (3) have access to transportation or
19 other infrastructure, [(5)] (4) are of an environmentally urgent nature,
20 [(6)] (5) the development of which would be consistent with the state
21 plan of conservation and development, and [(7)] (6) the transfer of
22 which to a private party would not conflict with state law or process.

23 (c) The Department of Economic and Community Development
24 shall solicit proposals from companies interested in purchasing any of
25 the state-owned brownfields on the priority list developed pursuant to
26 subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Economic and
27 Community Development (1) shall review proposals, match up to five
28 of the state-owned brownfields with companies, and sell,
29 notwithstanding chapter 59 of the general statutes, prepermitted,
30 cleaned sites to the selected companies, and (2) may remediate [one of]
31 the brownfields on said priority list without identification of a specific
32 commercial purchaser.

33 Sec. 2. Section 25 of public act 11-1 of the October special session is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2015*):

36 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
37 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
38 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
39 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate twenty million
40 dollars.

41 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
42 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
43 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
44 purpose of identifying, marketing and remediating five [state-owned]
45 brownfields pursuant to section 24 of [this act] public act 11-1 of the

46 October special session.

47 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
 48 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
 49 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
 50 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
 51 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
 52 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
 53 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
 54 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
 55 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
 56 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
 57 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
 58 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
 59 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
 60 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 61 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
 62 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
 63 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
 64 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
 65 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
 66 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
 67 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
 68 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
 69 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
 70 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	PA 11-1 of the October Sp. Sess., Sec. 24
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	PA 11-1 of the October Sp. Sess., Sec. 25

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to identify, market and remediate certain state-owned brownfields in addition to formerly state-owned brownfields.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]